Karwar Port in Karnataka

2635. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Karwar Port is under the care of Karnataka Government; and

(b) if so, the develop Karwar Port, whether the Karnataka Government have sent any proposal to hand over it to the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Loans for Roads in NER

2636. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided as loan from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank for National Highways development projects in the country particularly in NER; and

(b) the present status and progress of the various national highways development project in NER?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The details of loan taken from World Bank & Asian Development Bank for National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are given at Statement-I. (*See* below) No externally aided project is being undertaken in North Eastern Region (NER).

(d) Development of about 690 km of National Highways has been undertaken in the NER (State of Assam) as part of East-West Corridor of National Highways Development Project; out of which 19 km has been four laned. The work is in progress/awarded or Letter of Acceptance issued for 453 km of length and is to be awared in the balance length of 218 km.